(b) if so, by when such process would be completed; and

(c) the countries to which Air India and Indian Airlines have introduced new flights during the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Air India and Indian Airlines have introduced the following new flights on international network during the year 2001-2002:—

Air India : Mumbai/Kolkata/Guwahati/Bangkok and Mumbai/Kuwait/Al-Ain/Kozhikode.

Indian Airlines: Hyderabad-Dubai, Hyderabad-Bangkok, Trivandrum-Sharjah, Jaipur-Dubai, Delhi-Dubai, Calicut-Muscat, Calicut-Dubai, Cochin-Doha/Bahrain and Chennai-Dubai.

Upgradation of In-flight facilities

1362. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to renovate cabines with seats that can be converted into flat beds and provide other facilities with a view to upgrade in-flight facilities in Air India flights particularly to U.S. and Europe;

(b) if so, the total amount to be spent on renovation; and

(c) how long this renovation is likely to take and by when the work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir. Air India had decided to replace the existing seats in first class of all the six B747-400 aircraft in the fleet with seats that can be reclined to 180 degrees. Air India has also decided to provide portable Digital Video Diskette (DVD) players.

(b) The estimated expenditure for replacement of first class seats on all the six B747-400 aircraft in Air India's fleet (including DVD players) is approximately Rs. 8.5 crores.

(c) The first ship-set of seats is expected to be delivered by mid November, 2002 and installed in the aircraft by end of November, 2002.

Incentives to industrial units in UP

†1363. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the industrial units of Uttar Pradesh are on the verge of closure due to lack of import-export and capital investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will provide incentives to the leather, textiles and other major production units in Uttar Pradesh to protect them and to make them export-oriented; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Data on sick industrial units, assisted by banks in the country, is compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The number of sick industrial units in Uttar Pradesh at the end of March, 2001 is reported as under:—

SSI sick/weak units 23,117

Non-SSI sick/weak units 233

Industry-wise details of non-SSI sick/weak units at the end of March, 2001 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Sickness in industries is attributed to various reasons such as financial stringency, shortage of raw material and power as well as lack of demand for products. The Government has taken various measures for the revival of sick industrial units which, *inter alia*, include guidelines of the RBI to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, and setting up of Board for Industrial Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, etc. A combination of measures like introduction of single window facilitation mechanism, simplification of procedures relating to labour and environment, and special incentives and discounts for export oriented industries are

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